



# 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (Regular Session, 2021)

## Texas Transportation Commission Meeting

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# Texas Transportation Commission & Other Events



## Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.

The Senate confirmed the reappointment of J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. to the Texas Transportation Commission for a term ending in February 2027.



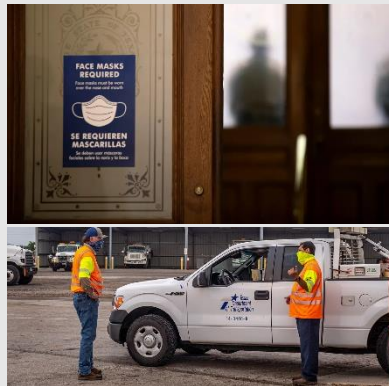
## Commissioner Alvin New

The Senate confirmed the reappointment of Alvin New to the Texas Transportation Commission for a term ending in February 2027.



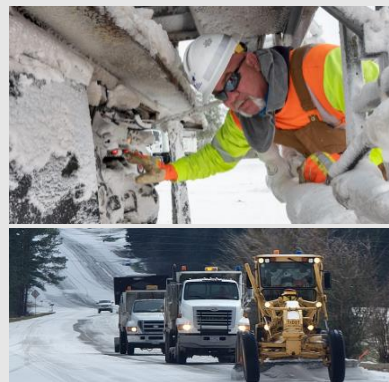
## Commissioner Robert Vaughn

The Senate confirmed Robert Vaughn to the Texas Transportation Commission for a term ending in February 2025.



## COVID-19

- Capitol protocol changes—required testing, masks, and new social distancing norms.
- TxDOT COVID-19 Playbook.



## Winter Storm Uri

- Shut down the Capitol and all legislative hearings for a week.
- Shifted focus of the legislative agenda for the session to statewide emergency and infrastructure resiliency.

# TxDOT Virtual Involvement with the Legislature: Educational Outreach



## TxDOT OUTREACH INFORMATION PACKETS



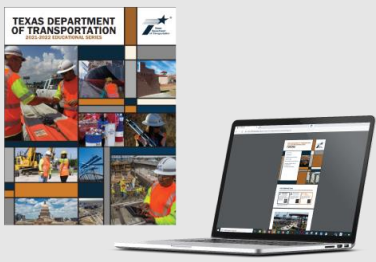
Legislative Resource Packets



## TxDOT WEB RESOURCES TOP DOWNLOADS

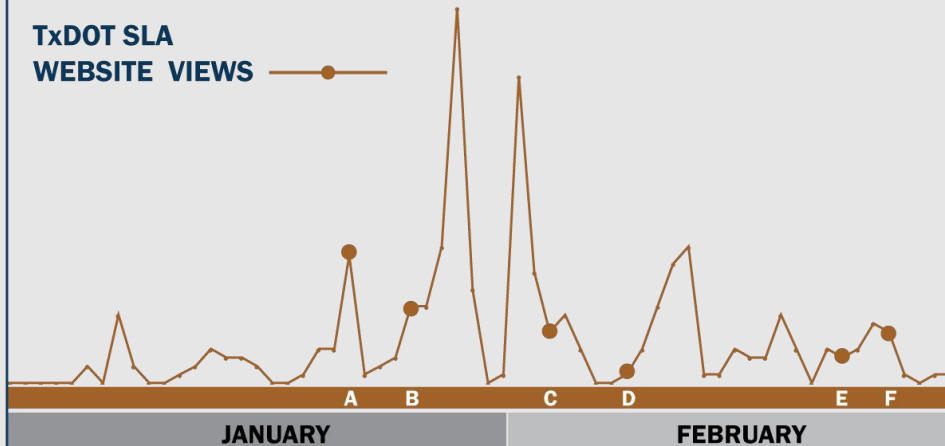


TxDOT Funding Brochure



TxDOT Educational Series

## TxDOT SLA WEBSITE VIEWS



A. TxDOT 101 Virtual Legislative Briefing

B. Marc Williams TAOt (Transportation Advocates of Texas) Presentation

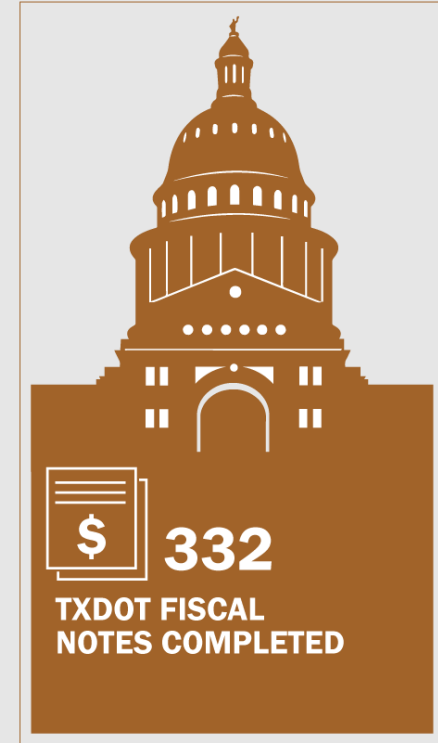
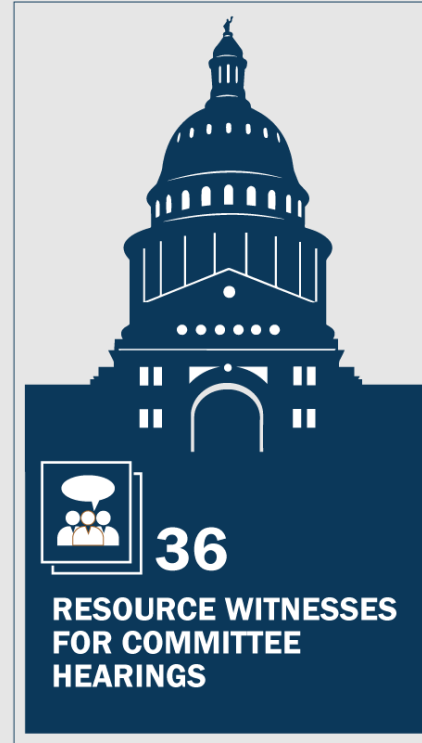
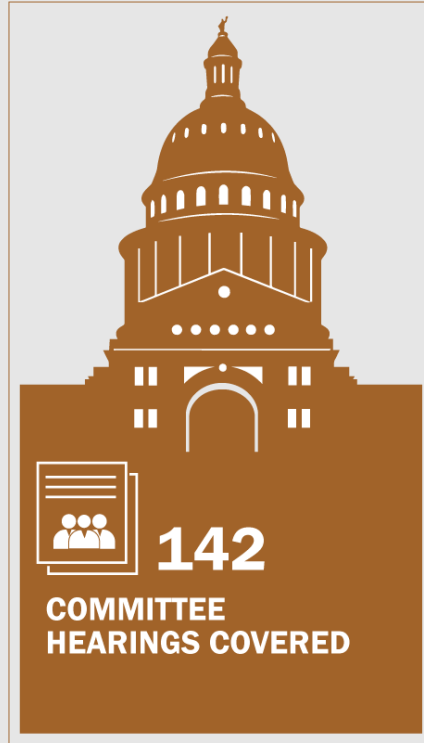
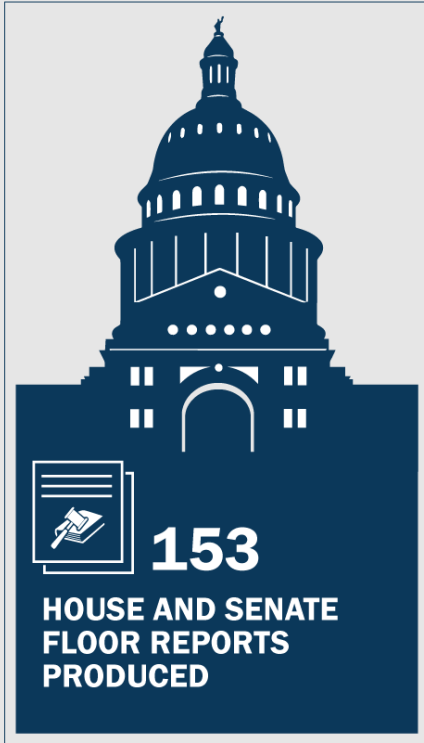
C. SLA TIA (Transportation Innovation Alliance) Presentation

D. Senate Finance Committee Meetings Start

E. House Appropriations Committee Meetings Start

F. James Bass TAG (Transportation Advocacy Group) Presentation

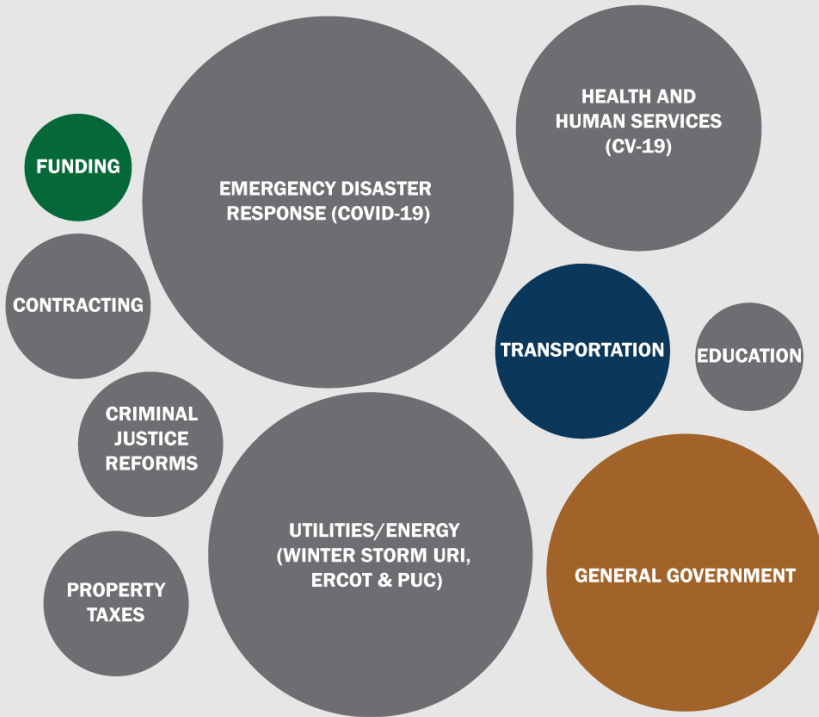
# Committee Hearings, Reports, & Fiscal Notes



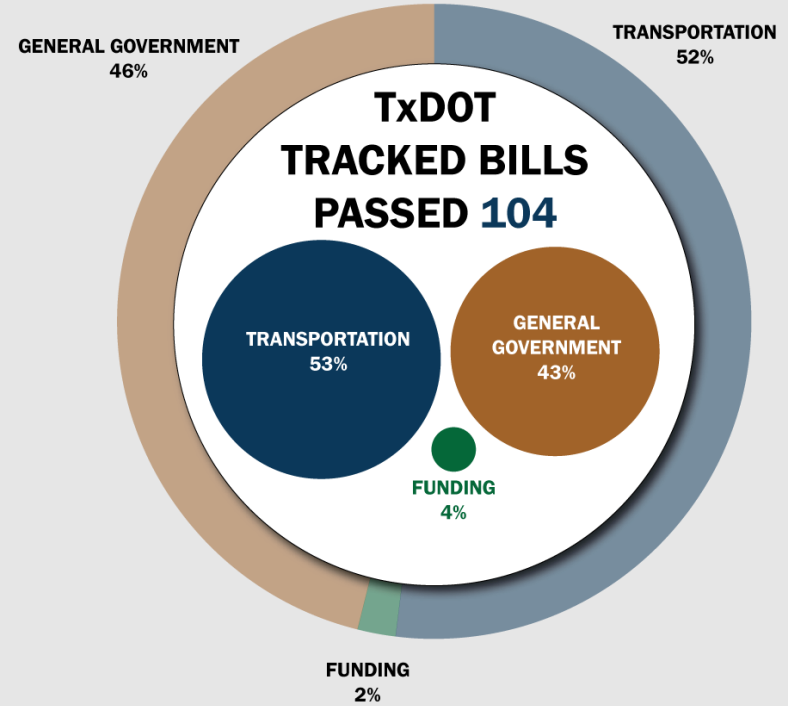
# Legislation Filed, Tracked, & Passed (Includes Joint Resolutions)



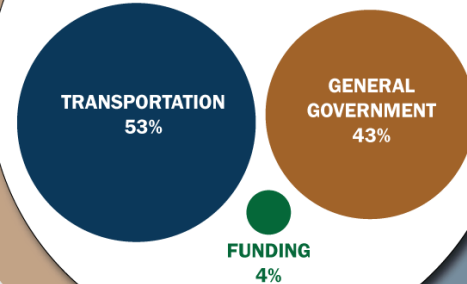
## BILLS FILED 7,147



## TxDOT BILLS TRACKED 526

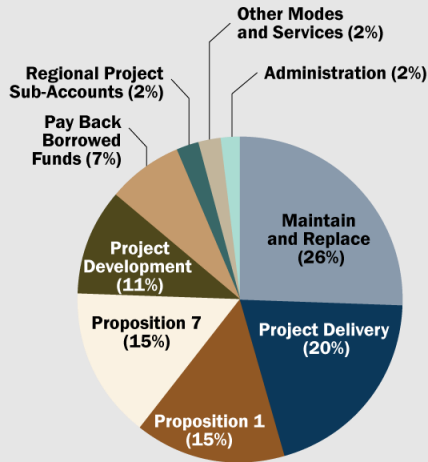


## TxDOT TRACKED BILLS PASSED 104



9 bills require Commission Rules

# TxDOT 2022–2023 Budget (Senate Bill 1)



## BUDGET USES

Maintain & Replace	\$7.76 B
Project Delivery	\$6.07 B
Proposition 1	\$4.53 B
Proposition 7	\$4.51 B
Project Development	\$3.22 B
Pay Back Borrowed Funds	\$2.22 B
Regional Project Sub-Accounts	\$0.73 B
Other Modes & Services	\$0.63 B
Administration	\$0.57 B

**\*Total: \$30.24 B**

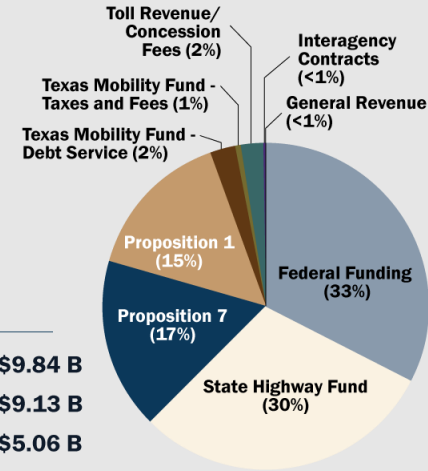
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## BUDGET SOURCES

Federal Funding	\$9.84 B
State Highway Fund	\$9.13 B
Proposition 7	\$5.06 B
Proposition 1	\$4.53 B
Texas Mobility Fund - Debt Service	\$0.76 B
Texas Mobility Fund - Taxes & Fees	\$0.18 B
Toll Revenue/ Concession Fees	\$0.73 B
Interagency Contracts	\$0.01 B
General Revenue	\$0.00 B

**\*Total: \$30.24 B**

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# Budget Highlights—Senate Bill 1 & House Bill 2



**Increase in FTEs**  
**281**

**12,808 FTEs**



**Facilities/  
Vehicles/Equipment**

**\$375.5 Million**



**Informational  
Resources/Technology**

**\$359.8 Million**



## HB 2219 – Representative Canales / Senator Nichols

Relating to the issuance of Texas Mobility Fund obligations.

- Allows new bond issuances from the Texas Mobility Fund and provides another funding tool to deliver highway projects and other non-tolled public transportation projects.
- TxDOT may issue no more than \$3,565,920,000 between May 31, 2021, and January 1, 2027.
- Issuance requires Bond Review Board approval.



## HB 2223 – Representative Canales / Senator Nichols

Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the impact of certain classifications of motor vehicle on the roads and bridges of this state.

- Requires TxDOT (with TTI, CTR, and transportation industry representatives) to conduct a study on the impact on the roads and bridges of this state by motor vehicles classified as passenger vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, and oversize or overweight vehicles.
- Requires the study to recommend changes to existing tax or fee structures to ensure that vehicles contribute revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges in an amount at least equal to the financial impact of the vehicles of that classification on those roads.





# Legislation Highlights—Funding



## HB 4472 – Representative Landgraf / Senator Birdwell

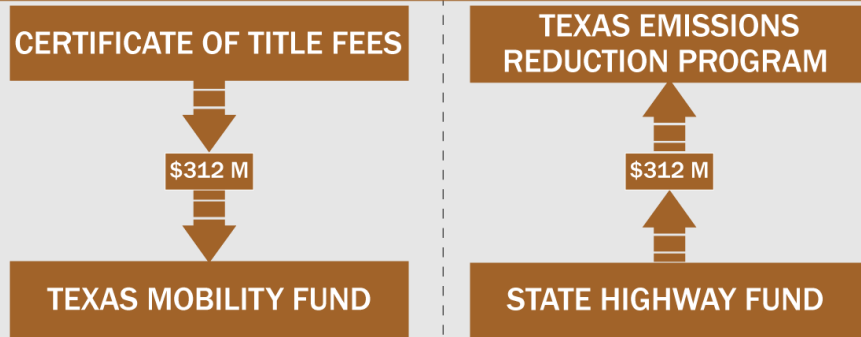
Relating to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) fund and account.



- Requires TCEQ to transfer no less than 35% of TERP deposits each year (approximately \$91 million) and any unencumbered TERP balances at the end of the year to TxDOT for congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects in nonattainment areas and affected counties (approximately 33 eligible counties).
- Requires annual reporting by TxDOT to TCEQ for all planned and funded projects.



### CURRENT LAW



### HB 4472

EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEES || \$312 M

TEXAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM



\$182 M BIENNium  
OR \$91M/PER YR.

TEXAS MOBILITY FUND

\$312 M

STATE HIGHWAY FUND



## **SB 1055 – Senator Huffman / Representative Reynolds**

Relating to motor vehicle accidents involving a pedestrian or other vulnerable road user within the area of a crosswalk.

- Creates an offense for a person who operates a motor vehicle with criminal negligence in a crosswalk, and causes bodily injury to a pedestrian or other vulnerable road user.
- Vulnerable road user includes a person operating a bicycle, motor-assisted scooter, electronic personal assistive mobility device, neighborhood electric vehicle, or golf cart.



## **HB 3282 – Representative Canales / Senator Nichols**

Relating to the authority of a district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation to temporarily lower the speed limit at a highway maintenance activity site.

- Allows TxDOT district engineers to temporarily lower speed limits (without an engineering and traffic investigation by TxDOT or Commission approval) for short-term maintenance activities.
- Restricts the temporary speed limit to last no longer than 45 days and cannot be extended without Commission approval.



# Legislation Highlights—Safety & Reports



## HB 3319 – Representative Meyer / Senator Hancock

Relating to certain measures to promote compliance with and improve public awareness of the state's move over or slow down law concerning the passing of certain vehicles.

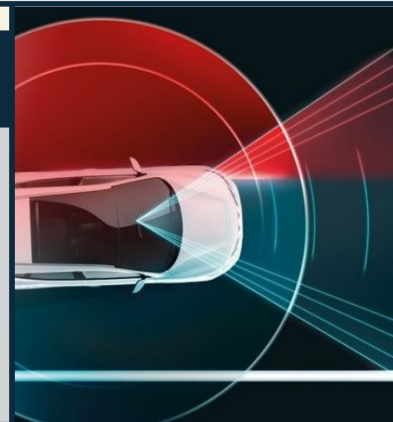
- Requires the addition of the “Move Over or Slow Down” laws to driver education and driver safety courses taught in the State of Texas.
- Directs TxDOT to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to promote the “Move Over or Slow Down” law, and to work with TxDPS and TxDMV to implement the campaign.



## SB 1308 – Senator Blanco / Representative Canales

Relating to a study on the impacts of using certain motor vehicle technologies.

- Requires TxDOT, TxDPS, TTI, and appropriate federal agencies to study: (1) the potential benefits of using automated driving systems, connected driving systems, and emerging technologies to alleviate vehicle congestion at ports of entry between Texas and Mexico; and (2) the impact of using automated driving systems, connected driving systems, and other emerging technologies on the transportation industry workforce and the broader Texas economy, including the effects on driver and public safety.
- Report due January 1, 2023.





## **SB 941 – Senator Buckingham / Representative Morales, Eddie**

Relating to the adoption of a state scenic byways program.



- Requires TxDOT to create a State Scenic Byways program to allow the state and local communities to participate in the National Scenic Byway program.
- The program shall allow for proposals from political subdivisions or other community groups approved by TxDOT to fund projects in accordance with federal National Scenic Byways Program and apply for federal grants for the projects (80/20 - Federal/State or local split).



## **SB 507 – Senator Nichols / Representative Anderson**

Relating to an accommodation process authorizing the use of state highway rights of way by broadband-only providers.



- Requires the Commission by rule to establish an accommodation process (similar to other permitted public utilities) that authorizes broadband-only providers to use state highway rights of way.
- The rules will prescribe minimum requirements for the accommodation, method, materials, and location for the installation, adjustment, and maintenance of broadband facilities under the accommodation process.



# Legislation Highlights—Information Technology & Contracting



## **HB 3390 – Representative Thompson, Ed / Senator Blanco**

Relating to the purchase of cybersecurity insurance coverage by the Texas Department of Transportation.

- Allows TxDOT to purchase insurance coverage considered necessary to protect against liability, and revenue and property losses that may result from a data breach or cyber-attack.
- Allowable coverage for a number of incidents including: breach response, data recovery, cyber extortion or ransomware response, and expenses for general incident management, such as investigation, remediation, and notification.



## **SB 1270 – Representative Thompson, Ed / Senator Seliger**

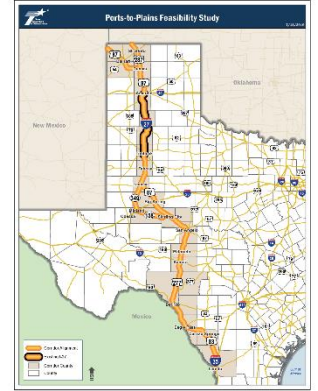
Relating to the procurement of certain goods and services related to highways by the Texas Department of Transportation.

- Authorizes TxDOT to use the Purchasing Act for the competitively-bid purchase of road materials and traffic control and safety devices up to \$50,000; and for the competitively-bid procurement of maintenance projects up to \$100,000.
- Requires posting of bid after purchases on TxDOT's website.





# Advisory Committees, Studies, & Reports



## SB 1474 – Senator Perry / Representative Price

Relating to the I-27 Advisory Committee.

- Creates an I-27 Advisory Committee to provide information on concerns and interests along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and advise TxDOT and the Commission on transportation improvements impacting the corridor. The committee must meet at least twice each state fiscal year.
- The committee membership is comprised of 23 members, including county judges, mayors (or their designees), economic development professionals, an agriculture representative, an international trade representative, and one energy industry representative.



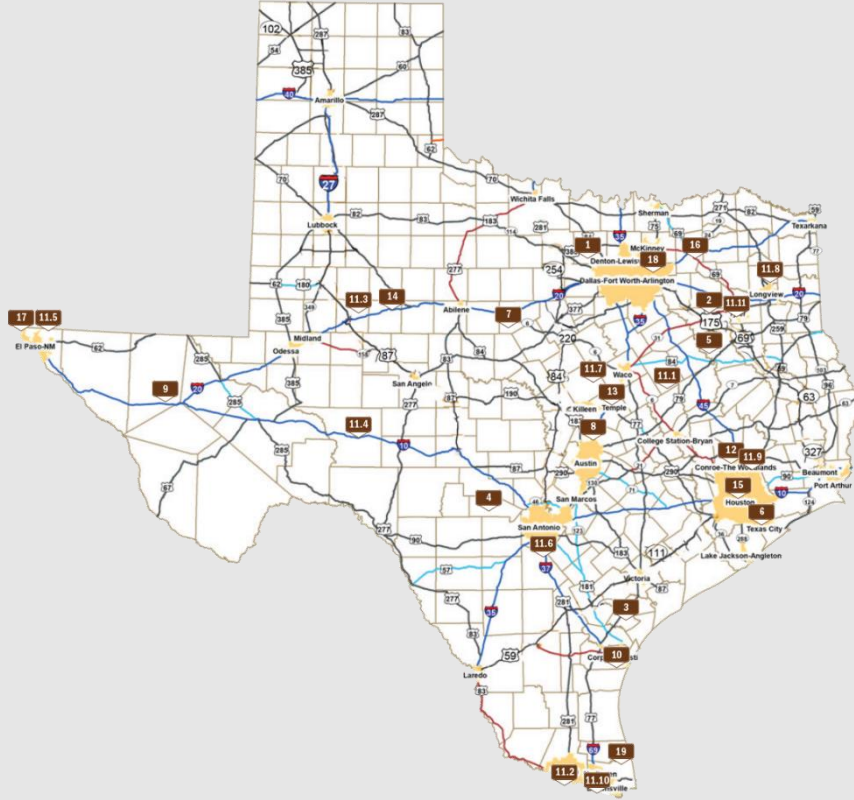
## SB 763 – Senator Powell / Representative Cook

Relating to the creation of the urban air mobility advisory committee.

- Requires the Commission to appoint an urban air mobility advisory committee to assess current state law and any potential changes to state law that are needed to facilitate the development of urban air mobility operations and infrastructure in Texas. Report due September 1, 2022.
- Advisory committee members to represent: (1) geographic regions of the state; (2) state and local law enforcement; (3) urban air mobility industry; (4) transportation experts; (5) commercial airport representatives; (6) vertical takeoff and landing operators; (7) local governments; and (8) the public.



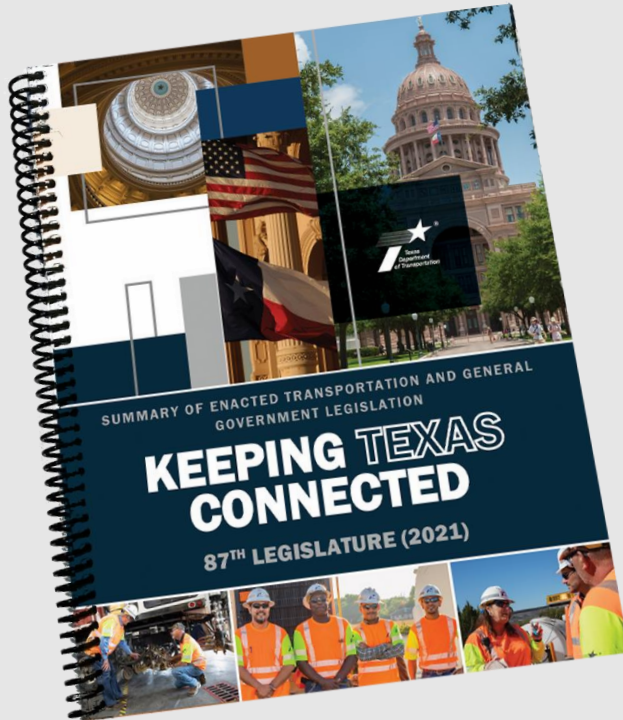




**19 BILLS**  
**29 DESIGNATIONS**



**TxDOT sent notification letters of procedures and costs to bill authors on June 28, 2021.**



## 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Overview (2021)

- Budget Overview
- Highlights of Bills

## Texas Transportation Funding (2021)

- Detailed Budget Analysis and Review
- Early September 2021



# Any Questions?



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